

# Greenways and Trails TIDBITS

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## **Tennessee Safe Routes to Schools Program (SRTS):**

**<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/bikeped/saferoutes.htm>**

Governor Bredesen recently announced the award of 15 SRTS grants across our state totaling well over \$2 million. For the press release, go to:

**<http://news.tennesseeanytime.org/node/5387>**

The SRTS program was created in the August 2005 SAFETEA-LU legislation and has provided state departments of transportation \$800 million nationwide for this new program. SAFETEA-LU expired September 2009 and Congress has approved funding at FY 2010 levels through December 31, 2010.

**<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/guide/evaluation/index.cfm>**

Go to this website to find out more information about this important program that promotes walking and bicycling to school. Program targets grades K-8 and within a 2 mile radius of the school.

If you are interested in learning about what is going on nationally with this program, go to:

**<http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/about/3302>** .

## **Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): <http://memphismpo.org>**

See what's happening in the Memphis area and view the Long Range Transportation Plan. Go to the website below to see the Midsouth Transportation and Land Use Plan.

Participate in Phase III: Growth Scenario Workshops. **[www.Imagine2035.com](http://www.Imagine2035.com)**

## **Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT): 2010 RTP Awards of Excellence**

**<http://www.funoutdoors.com/coalitions/crt>**

The 2010 RTP Awards of Excellence were announced on May 26, 2010 and the **State of Tennessee** has WON the Outstanding State Recreational Trails Advisory Committee award. The Tennessee Commissioner's Council on Greenways and Trails is the RTP advisory committee and this 15 member Council represents both motorized and non-motorized trail interests and trail user groups. There are five members from each of the grand divisions across the state and a variety of trail user groups, private and public are represented on the Council.

For additional information about the annual CRT awards, go to:

**<http://www.americantrails.org/awards/CRTawards.html>**

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## **2010 American Trails National Symposium**

<http://www.americantrails.org/2010/index.html>

Every two years, American Trails, Inc presents the American Trails National Symposium to show people across the nation what is happening with all types of trails. The Symposium is November 14-17, 2010 and will be held at the Convention Center in Chattanooga, TN.

The Symposium emphasizes the contributions of volunteers, professionals, businesses, government agencies and other leaders who are working to create a national system of trails for all Americans. The deadline for the National Trails Awards has been extended to July 13, 2010 so go to <http://www.americantrails.org/2010/awards.html> for more information.

Go to <http://www.americantrails.org/2010/sponsors.html> to see the list of sponsors and to register as a Sponsor or Exhibitor!

## **Tennessee Greenways and Trails** [www.connectwithtn.com](http://www.connectwithtn.com)

There are 749+ greenways and trails in Tennessee that are listed on this website! To find a trail, go to the map of Tennessee, click on the region and then click on the name of the county. Scroll down and you will find the list of trails for that county.

If you know of a trail that is not on the website, please pass that information on to Bob Richards at [Robert.richards@tn.gov](mailto:Robert.richards@tn.gov) or call 615-532-0753. If you have trail news (new trail opening) or an event that needs to be listed, please pass the information on to Bob. Thanks for helping make this website the best it can be.

## **Recreational Trails Program (RTP) renewal:** <http://www.americantrails.org/rtp/>

The SAFETEA-LU transportation legislation that authorizes the RTP *expired* September 30, 2009. As part of the 2010 federal jobs bill, transportation funding was authorized for the calendar year 2010, which fully funds federal Fiscal Year 2010 and the first 3 months of Fiscal Year 2011.

HOWEVER, the trails community needs to be watching closely for the next federal Transportation Authorization bill which will affect the funding for ALL the trail related programs funded through the U.S. Department of Transportation. This includes the RTP, Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to Schools and other transportation funding efforts.

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**Americans with Disabilities Act update:** [www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)

The Draft Final Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas and Trails, dated October 19, 2009 is out and can be found at the website <http://www.access-board.gov/outdoor/draft-final.htm> . These guidelines will only apply to federal land managing agencies, but if your project has federal funding, these guidelines should be followed.

See Section F247 of the ABA and Chapter 10, Section 1017 of the ADA of the Draft-Final document for the information on Trails.

**Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants:**

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\\_offices/sustainable\\_housing\\_communities](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/sustainable_housing_communities)

Click on the first item under programs for more information about this grant. Application deadline is August 23, 2010.

## **EVENTS**

Please send your ***EVENT*** information to Bob Richards as soon as you are aware of the date for inclusion in the Greenways and Trails TIDBITS newsletter. It will be included in the TIDBITS as space permits.

### ***2010 Calendar of Greenways and Trails Events***

<b>August 7-8, 2010</b>	<b>Annual Cherokee Days of Recognition</b>	<b>Red Clay State Park</b>
<a href="http://tn.gov/environment/parks/RedClay/index.shtml">http://tn.gov/environment/parks/RedClay/index.shtml</a>		

<b>September 13-17, 2010</b>	<b>Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference</b>	<b>Chattanooga, TN</b>
<a href="http://www.bikewalk.org/conference.php">www.bikewalk.org/conference.php</a>		

<b>September 25, 2010</b>	<b>Public Lands Day</b>	<b>Various locations</b>
<a href="http://www.publiclandsday.org/">http://www.publiclandsday.org/</a>		

<b>October 15-17, 2010</b>	<b>2010 Pow Wow - 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival</b>	<b>Long Hunter State Park, for more information, go to:</b>
<a href="http://www.naiatn.org">www.naiatn.org</a>		

<b>Nov. 14-17, 2010</b>	<b>2010 American Trails National Symposium</b>	<b>Chattanooga, TN</b>
<a href="http://www.americantrails.org/2010/index.html">http://www.americantrails.org/2010/index.html</a>		

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